



"It's time for a real Medicare prescription drug benefit."
Congressman Marty Meehan

CONGRESSMAN MARTY MEEHAN'S ***Prescription Drug Town Hall Meetings***

Please join me at a location near you.

Thursday, February 19th

Methuen—10:30 am

Methuen Senior Center
77 Lowell Street

Haverhill—12:00 pm

Haverhill Senior Center
10 Welcome Street

Chelmsford—1:30 pm

Chelmsford Senior Center
75 Groton Road

Monday, March 22nd

Hudson—11:00 am

Hudson Council on Aging
29 Church Street

Acton—12:30 pm

Acton Council on Aging
50 Audobon Drive

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Congressman **MARTY MEEHAN**

***Working to Protect Medicare and Add a Real
Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit***



The Recently Passed Medicare Drug Bill Fails Seniors



Congressman Marty Meehan listens to seniors' concerns about the high cost of prescription drugs.

they will continue paying Medicare prescription drug premiums.

The law opens the door to turning Medicare over to HMOs and the private health insurance industry.

Seniors could lose the freedom to choose their own doctor, and they could lose coverage they get today or be forced to pay more for the same benefits.

Adding a Meaningful Prescription Drug Benefit to Medicare

I am fighting for a guaranteed prescription drug benefit in Medicare that makes medication available and affordable for all seniors.

Under the plan I have cosponsored (H.R. 1199), a prescription drug benefit would be added to Medicare with a monthly premium of \$25, a \$100 annual deductible and 20% copayments. It would also provide catastrophic coverage for costs above \$2000 a year.

The Boston Globe
“The new law, despite its high cost, covers too few of seniors' drug costs, in part because it rules out such money-saving methods as bulk purchasing by Medicare and the reimportation of lower-priced drugs from Canada.”

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Congressman Marty Meehan talks with local seniors about Medicare prescription drug legislation.

I am disappointed that the Bush administration and the Republican leadership in Congress passed a Medicare prescription drug bill that falls far short of what seniors and people with disabilities need and deserve.

Unfortunately, the GOP Medicare bill does nothing to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. In fact, it prohibits the government from negotiating with pharmaceutical manufacturers to get a better deal for America's seniors.

Under the new law, ordinary seniors with drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100 in a year will receive no prescription drug benefit, even though

Medicare Prescription Drug Legislation

	Republican Bill H.R. 1	Meehan's Bill H.R. 1199
Guaranteed Lower Drug Prices	No	Yes
Guaranteed Monthly Premium	No	Yes
Coverage for Prescribed Medicines Limited	Yes	No
Coverage Gap	Yes	No
Turns Medicare into a Voucher Program	Yes	No
Increases Costs for Doctors' Visits	Yes	No
Annual Deductible	\$250	\$100